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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report has been prepared in accordance with paragraph 5 (d) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316. It contains the draft programme of work of the plenary for the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly. The draft programmes of work of five of the six Main Committees of the Assembly, which were adopted by the Assembly during the main part of its sixty-sixth session, can be found in the respective decisions of the Assembly. The status of documentation will be issued as an addendum to the present report.

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I. Introduction

1. The General Assembly, in paragraph 5 (d) of the annex to its resolution 58/316, entitled "Further measures for the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly", decided that in July of each year the General Committee should conduct a review of the proposed programme of work for the forthcoming session of the Assembly, on the basis of a report submitted by the Secretary-General, and should also submit recommendations on the matter to the Assembly at its forthcoming session. The report should include information on the status of documentation to be issued during the forthcoming session.

2. The present report has been prepared in response to that request.

3. The draft programmes of work of the Main Committees, with the exception of the Fifth Committee,[1] have been approved by the respective Committees and were adopted by the General Assembly in the following decisions: First Committee (decision 66/519); Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (decision 66/523); Second Committee (decision 66/551); Third Committee (decision 66/540); and Sixth Committee (decision 66/525).

4. To assist the General Committee and the General Assembly in their efforts to maximize both effectiveness and efficiency, the present report contains the draft programme of work of only the plenary for the sixty-seventh session. The draft programmes of the Main Committees are available in the respective decisions.

5. The status of documentation will be issued as an addendum to the present report.

II. Draft programme of work of the plenary for the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly

First week (18-21 September)

Tuesday, p.m.	Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly [1][2]
	Minute of silent prayer or meditation [2]
	Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [3 (a)]

[1] The Fifth Committee has not taken a decision on this matter.

[2] The agenda items cited herein are based on the preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh session (A/67/50), all of which are pending approval by the General Assembly for inclusion in the agenda and allocation. Some items on the preliminary list are not reflected in the draft programme of work because they have either been omitted in accordance with relevant resolutions and decisions of the Assembly or will be scheduled at a later date.

Wednesday	Meeting of the General Committee
Friday	Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee [7]
Second week (24-28 September)	
	[Promotion of justice and international law]
Monday	The rule of law at the national and international levels [84]: high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels (resolution 66/102)
Tuesday to Friday	General debate [8][3]
Third week (1-5 October)	
Monday to Wednesday	General debate [8]
Fourth week (8-12 October)	
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Tuesday	Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization [107]
Thursday	Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [116];[4] Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [117]:[4] joint debate
Fifth week (15-19 October)	
	[Promotion of justice and international law; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday	Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [73]; Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [74]; International residual mechanism for criminal tribunals [127]: joint debate

[3] Before the opening of the general debate, the Secretary-General will present his report on the work of the Organization.

[4] The inclusion of this item in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh session is subject to any action the Assembly may take on it at its sixty-sixth session.

	[Development of Africa; Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Tuesday	New Partnership for Africa's Development [64 (a) and (b)];[4] 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa [14]: joint debate
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Thursday	Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [110 (a)]
Sixth week (22-26 October)	
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday	1. Sport for peace and development [12]
	2. Follow-up to the Commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade [115]
Tuesday	1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [9]; Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [15]: joint debate
	2. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [114]: specific meeting focused on development (resolution 60/265)
Thursday	*United Nations Day Concert*
Friday	*Official United Nations holiday (Eid al-Adha)*
Seventh week (29 October-2 November)	
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Tuesday	Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [41]
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]

Wednesday	Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [110 (b)]
	[Promotion of justice and international law]
Thursday	1. Report of the International Court of Justice [72]
	2. Report of the International Criminal Court [75]
Eighth week (5-9 November)	
	[Disarmament]
Monday	Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [86]
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Thursday	The situation in Afghanistan [38]
Ninth week (12-16 November)	
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday	1. Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination [111 (a)]
	2. Election of thirty members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law [111 (b)]
	3. Election of eighteen members of the Human Rights Council [111 (d)]
	[Promotion of human rights]
Wednesday	Report of the Human Rights Council [65]
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters; Maintenance of international peace and security]
Thursday	1. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations [109]
	2. Report of the Security Council [30]
Tenth week (19-23 November)	
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday	Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations [121 (a) to (v)]: joint debate
Thursday	*Official United Nations holiday (Thanksgiving)*

Eleventh week (26-30 November)	
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Tuesday	Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [15]; Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [114]; Strengthening of the United Nations system [119 (a) and (b)]: joint debate
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Thursday, p.m. and Friday, a.m. and p.m.	1. Question of Palestine [37]
	2. The situation in the Middle East [36]
Twelfth week (3-7 December)	
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday	Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [118][4]
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Thursday	The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict [32]
Thirteenth week (10-17 December)	
	[Promotion of justice and international law]
Monday and Tuesday	Oceans and the law of the sea [76 (a) and (b)]: commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the Convention (resolution 66/231)
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Wednesday	1. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin [10]
	2. The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order [17]
	3. Global health and foreign policy [124]
	[Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts]

Thursday	Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [71 (a) to (c)]
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Maintenance of international peace and security; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday	1. Global road safety crisis [13]
	2. Culture of peace [16]
	3. Prevention of armed conflict [33 and (a)]
	4. Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development [34][5]
	5. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [35]
	6. The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan [39][5]
	7. Election of five members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission [111 (c)]
	8. Multilingualism [120]
	9. Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [122]
	10. Report of the Credentials Committee [3 (b)]
	(17 December-end of 13 weeks)

[5] This item, which has not yet been considered by the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session, remains on the agenda of that session. Its inclusion in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh session is subject to any action the Assembly may take on it at its sixty-sixth session.